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Title: **FURNITURE HAVING LANDSCAPE CONTOUR**

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RESTRICTION ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 3, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claim 1-13 and 22-24, drawn to a seating unit classified in class 297, subclass 463.2. This election is made with traverse. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a divisional application in connection with unelected claims 14-21, constructing a modified seating unit, classified in class 29.

With regard to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of all claims 1-24 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus Applicant respectfully submits that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that “if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits.” Applicant respectfully submits that this

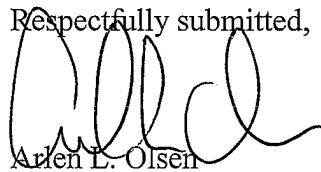
policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office..

Also, this is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response by two months, i.e., until August 3, 2006. Please charge Deposit Account 19-0513 in the amount of \$225.00. If an additional extension is necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0513.

Should the Examiner require or request anything further from the Applicant prior to examination, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below. Otherwise, Applicant requests early and favorable examination on the merits. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0513.

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Respectfully submitted,



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